HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 33

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing Representative Frank McCloskey and urging the department of transportation to rename State Road 45 from Beanblossom to Bloomington and from Bloomington to Scotland in honor of Representative Frank McCloskey.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing Representative Frank McCloskey and urging the department of transportation to rename State Road 45 from Beanblossom to Bloomington and from Bloomington to Scotland after Representative Frank McCloskey.

Whereas, Representative Frank McCloskey died November 2, 2003, at the age of 64 in Bloomington, Indiana:

Whereas, The death of this respected and beloved public servant marks the end of both a great political career and a life well-lived;

Whereas, This great career and life should be remembered and honored, and what is more fitting than to rename the road Representative McCloskey traveled countless times while serving the people of his district;

Whereas, State Road 45 is also the road that leads to the Crane Naval Surface Warfare Center, one of Southern Indiana's largest employers and an organization Representative McCloskey fought to preserve while he served as a member of the House Armed Services Committee;

Whereas, Representative McCloskey was born in Philadelphia in 1939, attended high school in Norristown, Pennsylvania, and entered the Air Force after graduation, serving until 1961;



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Whereas, After being discharged from the Air Force, Representative McCloskey worked as a reporter for The Indianapolis Star, the Bloomington Herald-Telephone, and the City News Bureau in Chicago before getting his bachelor's degree from Indiana University-Bloomington in 1968:

Whereas, While a law student at Indiana University, Representative McCloskey was nominated to run for mayor of Bloomington, a position he held for ten years;

Whereas, Representative McCloskey, who began his political career with a victory over a former mayor in the primary and an incumbent mayor in the election in the fall, contributed greatly to the modernization of Bloomington, to the promotion of openness in government, and to greater interest in community participation;

Whereas, Representative Frank McCloskey served in the House of Representatives from 1983 until 1995, representing the people of southwestern Indiana's 8th District:

Whereas, As a member of the House of Representatives, Frank McCloskey served on the Armed Services Committee and the Foreign Affairs Committee and was chairman of the Post Office Committee;

Whereas, Representative McCloskey was among the first lawmakers to urge military action against Serbian positions in Bosnia in the early 1990s;

Whereas, After leaving Congress, Representative McCloskey served as chairman of the Monroe County Democrat Party from 1999 to the summer of 2003;

Whereas, Even after leaving the House of Representatives, Representative McCloskey continued to work with the Bosnian people to improve their form of government and to institute democratic reforms;

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Whereas, In 2002, Representative McCloskey was named director of Kosovo programs for the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs;

Whereas, Representative McCloskey used his position with the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs to teach the leaders of Kosovo how to govern democratically; and

Whereas, Frank McCloskey will always be remembered as a man who was committed to serving the people of his district faithfully and honorably: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to express its heartfelt sympathy to the family of Representative Frank McCloskey and to urge the commissioner of the Indiana department of transportation to rename State Road 45 from Beanblossom to Bloomington and from Bloomington to Scotland in honor of Representative Frank McCloskey. Congressman McCloskey will be remembered always as a great humanitarian and diplomat whose primary concern was the welfare of all mankind.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of Representative Frank McCloskey - his wife Roberta and two adult children, Helen and Mark - and to the commissioner of the Indiana department of transportation.



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